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SUBJECT: Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

1. Mission has received a communication from the Secretary, a.i. on the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary. This communication is number 04 on the Geneva 2008 Communications Log.

2. Begin text of letter. Excellency, At the request and on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, I have the honour to communicate the following letter addressed to you:

"Excellency, I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, which held its 83rd session from 21 to 30 November 2007 at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

In the course of the session, the Working Group decided to inform your Government of general allegations it has received in relation to the implementation of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances in your country. A summary is provided in Annex I. Any comments regarding these general allegations should be received by 1 October 2008 in order to be included in the Working Group's annual report.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind your Government that the Working Group will hold its 84th session at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 10 to 14 March 2008. As such, the Working Group would be grateful if any written information which your Government wishes to submit for the Working Group's consideration, could be received by 8 February 2008. Information may be submitted at any time of the year, and will be reviewed as soon as it can be processed.

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In conformity with its usual practice, the Working Group is prepared to receive representatives of interested Governments during the first three days of its next session, from 10 to 11 March 2008. Should your Government wish to be represented at the forthcoming session, please contact the Working Group's secretariat at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (tel: 022 917 9176, fax: 022 917 9006) to schedule an appointment with the Working Group. The dates of subsequent sessions for the coming year may also be requested or found on the WGEID webpage: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/disappear>. I remain, Excellency, Yours sincerely, Santiago Corcuera Chairman-Rapporteur Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances'

83rd Session General Allegation: USA

The Working Group received information from non-governmental organizations concerning reported obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

It was reported that one case of extraordinary rendition, which occurred in Italy on 17 February 2003, involved an enforced disappearance for a certain period of time. The Working Group was informed that this case took place in the context of extraordinary rendition programmes that were allegedly carried out by the United States of America together with Egypt, where the person was secretly imprisoned and reportedly tortured.

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